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Case No. 9281/4288

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoya Hasegawa et al.

Serial No: 10/079,292

Examiner: C. Magee

Filed: February 20, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2653

For: Exchange Coupled Film Having
Improved Current-Carrying
Reliability and Improved Rate of
Change in Resistance and
Magnetic Sensing Element Using
Same

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Restriction/Election Requirement dated December 28, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).

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| | | | claims small entity status. | See 37 C.F.R. § | 1.27 |
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| Extension <u>Months</u> | Other Than Small Entity | Small Entity |
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| One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months | \$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00 | \$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00 |

Fee Payment

| \boxtimes | Attached is a check for \$120 for the Petition fee. |
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| | Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition fee. |
| \square | Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. |

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/7/05

Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D. Registration No. 46,193 Agent for Applicant

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